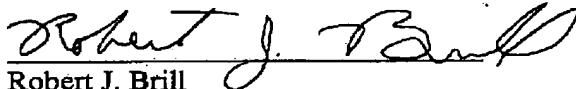


**Remarks**

Entry of the above-noted amendments and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 11-18 are added. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification (e.g., page 5, lines 3-5; page 6, lines 4-6; page 6, line 21 to page 7, line 5; page 7, lines 14-20; page 13, line 13 to page 14, line 3), drawings (e.g., FIGS. 1, 2, and 11), and claims and thus, no new matter has been added. Claims 1-18 are pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

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